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MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, October 21st, 2024
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: via ZOOM/City of Norwalk YouTube channel

Public Comment

Business

1. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2024;
2. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2025;
3. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the Full Closure for the 2024 Election Jefferson School Voting Location on November 5th, 2024. *[Matthew Lane - Registrar of Voters];*
4. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the Full Closure for DPW's Lockwood Lane Drainage Improvements from December 12th, 2024 to December 30th, 2024. *[Dan Stanton, P.E. - Senior Engineer, DPW];*
5. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the "15 Minute" parking regulation on Cove Avenue. *[Benjamin Yeung, P.E. - Senior Traffic Engineer, TMP];*
6. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the OSTA Letter for Speed Limit changes and a School Zone on Strawberry Hill Avenue. *[Benjamin Yeung, P.E. - Senior Traffic Engineer, TMP];*

7. (Discussion & Vote) Approve the OSTA Letter for Speed Limit changes in the Rowayton Area.
[Benjamin Yeung, P.E. - Senior Traffic Engineer, TMP].

Next Meeting: November 18th 2024.

Item 1.

September 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

CITY OF NORWALK
TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rilling; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons; Commissioner Tony Lopez, Commissioner Ronald Paladino; Commissioner Nate Sumpter

STAFF: Kyle Benjamin, Traffic Analyst, TMP; Chief James Walsh, Deputy Chief Terry Blake; Deputy Chief Joseph Dinho; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore; Paul Sotnik, Senior Engineer, DPW; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Engineer, DPW; Anna Breault, Special Events Coordinator, Economic and Community Development

OTHERS: Timothy Petee; Diane CeCe; Alex DiBella, Asst. Construction Manager; Burns & McDonnell; Mr. Flores; Frontier Communications; Jeffery Bird; Asst. Vice President; WSP

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. CeCe said she is speaking on behalf of the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association, and they continue to have concerns with the direct impact on East Norwalk from the Walk Bridge project in terms of road closures and detours. She requested the commission consider tabling the two road closures until the October meeting except the closure for South Smith Street that is scheduled for November 3rd, so the ENNA has a chance to speak to the Walk Bridge team. She pointed out the closure from Fort Point Street to Winfield Street and asked how many times East Avenue will be opened for utility work as Frontier Communications has had plenty of opportunities to finish whatever they needed to get done. Mayor Rilling said this is the biggest project that the CTDOT and Metro-North have ever been involved in and is unfortunately necessary due to the age of the bridge, but he understands Ms. CeCe's concerns.

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2024

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2024, AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2024

**** COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2024, AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH (4) FOUR AND FAVOR AND (1) ONE ABSTENTION-COMMISSIONER SUMPTER.**

3. APPROVE THE FULL ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE ANNUAL RCA TURKEY TROT EVENT ON NOVEMBER 28, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons moved the item for discussion

Mr. Benjamin said this event has taken place in the last few years. Mayor Rilling asked if anything had changed from last year. Mr. Petee said this event and the Light up Rowayton event are recurring events that have taken place for several years and there are no changes from the prior years. Chief Walsh said he has no questions regarding the traffic plan but there were some RollKall issues regarding invoicing. Mayor Rilling asked if there were outstanding invoices. Chief Walsh said "yes". Mayor Rilling said that Mr. Petee will need to work with the police department and requested that the approval be based on them satisfying the outstanding invoices.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE ANNUAL RCA TURKEY TROT EVENT ON NOVEMBER 28, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 11:30 AM BASED ON THE OUTSTANDING INVOICES TO ROLLKALL BEING SATISFIED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHT-UP ROWAYTON EVENT ON DECEMBER 1, 2024, FROM 3:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Commissioner Paladino moved the item for discussion

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if the invoices are outstanding from last year. Chief Walsh said the information that he has is not broken down by event and only has it in totality and is a collection of invoices that occurred throughout the year.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM BASED ON THE OUTSTANDING INVOICES TO ROLLKALL BEING SATISFIED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPROVE THE FULL & PARTIAL CLOSURES FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA FROM DECEMBER 6, 2024, AT 6:00 PM TO DECEMBER 7, 2024, AT 11:55 PM.

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons moved the item for discussion.

Ms. Breault said there was an error on the agenda and the event will only be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, this year and will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. but are requesting the closure of Washington Street from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM. as well as for Madison Street except for local traffic. She said this is the third year the event will be held and most of the event will take place inside 50 Washington Street and on the lawn. Mayor Rilling said he recalls last year that the commission had requested that the roadway be open past the entrance to the 50 Washington Street parking lot as well as Madison Street for the post office. Ms. Breault said that Madison Street will be open for local traffic only, but she believes the post office will be closed before the start of the event. Commissioner Lopez asked how those who need to enter 50 Washington Street from Washington Street would be able to do so. Ms. Breault said the entrance is open on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked where the detour signs would be so that people know where to go. Ms. Breault said at the end of Washington Street and Madison Street. Chief Walsh said last year there was an officer posted at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and Washington Street and can also place a VMS sign at that corner directing people to take a left onto Monroe Street.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION AND TO APPROVE THE FULL & PARTIAL CLOSURES FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA FROM DECEMBER 7, 2024, AT 2:00 PM TO 9:00 PM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL WALL STREET WONDERLAND ON DECEMBER 14, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

Ms. Breault said the closure will be the same as last year and the event will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM but are requesting the closure from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM for the setup of the stage and to also prevent cars from entering the parking lot on River Street.

**** COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL WALL STREET WONDERLAND ON DECEMBER 14, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR EVERSOURCE ENERGY UTILITY WORK AS PART OF THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2024, TO NOVEMBER 27, 2024, DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 PM TO 7:00 AM

Mr. DiBella said that Eversource in support of the Walk Bridge project will be installing structures near the Metro North railroad tracks to convert to underground and have discussed this project previously. He said they understand the challenges of closing Fort Point Street and how critical it is particularly to South Norwalk and spent a good amount of time looking at alternatives and any means and methods they could find to avoid a full closure but unfortunately, when they are working it will not be possible due to the size of the equipment that will be required to get this structure in place. He said in working with the city and the state they have elected to shift the proposed work hours to nighttime and during the day will have the large equipment removed from the work area and return it to one lane from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM to reduce the traffic burden. He said during that time truck traffic would be detoured to Triangle Street vehicular traffic heading north would utilize East Avenue, and vehicular traffic heading south would use South Smith Street. He said the work is intended to begin on November 3rd. and are approximately four weeks to complete the work.

Commissioner Lopez asked if the start time could be pushed from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Mr. DiBella said that would not be impossible but pointed out that the more they are limited in the night work hours they will lose productivity and could add days onto the schedule. He said they will also be in constant contact with city staff and if they find the 7:00 PM start time is causing too much of an interference to local traffic they could elect to start later.

Commissioner Lopez asked about the noise to the residents and how that will be dealt with. Mr. DiBella said that he has the information on the number of decibels that would be generated from all of these pieces of equipment and has had conversations with DPW and are not going to be the only ones in this area working at night and have a robust outreach plan that includes sending letters and will do everything they possibly can to limit the amount of noise but do not anticipate it being a major concern but if they receive complaints they will do everything they can to make those right and react accordingly. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if there will be a contact person listed on the letters that will go out as part of the outreach plan. Mr. DiBella said "yes" and there will be folks that will be going door-to-door so if they are home, they will be meeting that person but there is also a general Eversource hotline that will direct them to an appropriate member. Commissioner Lopez asked if this is approved tonight if they would be willing to meet with the community organizations/associations as a proactive measure. Mr.

DiBella said he has absolutely no issue doing that but will need to speak with his community outreach team members on how to coordinate and organize one of those meetings.

Commissioner Paladino asked if there is any concern about the truck traffic through the local residential neighborhoods as the trucks are being diverted. Mr. DiBella said the advantage of reverting those trucks through the night is that there should be a lot fewer of them and did not initially include the expanded area of Winfield Street and Strawberry Hill Avenue in the outreach plan but can certainly look at including the folks that are along the direct route to receiving the letters.

Mayor Rilling requested that Mr. DiBella work closely with the police department to be sure the areas are properly staffed. He also said the City of Norwalk has a noise ordinance and to get a waiver if needed on the noise ordinance they will need to speak with the health department.

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR EVERSOURCE ENERGY UTILITY WORK AS PART OF THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2024, TO NOVEMBER 27, 2024, DURING THE HOURS OF 7:00 PM TO 7:00 AM**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR FRONTIER UTILITY WORK AS PART OF THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM DECEMBER 2, 2024, TO DECEMBER 12, 2024

Mayor Rilling said there has been a request by the public to table the next two items and he does not have a problem with that and may be a response to the community that we may wish to consider.

Mr. Flores said he understands Ms. CeCe's concerns but pointed out that this is a massive project with many moving parts, and he thinks one of the best ways to serve the community is to hear the concerns and have time to react to them and implement the changes that the commission wishes. He said if these items are tabled until October, they will be right up against construction activities so any change request would be very difficult for them to implement. He said all of Ms. CeCe's concerns make sense but are part of the pain of having a major project in town which will have a tremendous benefit when it is completed and asked that the commission to reconsider tabling these items and hear Frontiers proposal sooner rather than later so that any of the changes the commissioners or the officers may have can be considered and planned for.

Mr. Flores said that he understands the perception that the road is continually being opened but all of the bridges that they are working on are very old along that corridor and very delicate and have already had a few emergency procedures that had to be put in place, so when the contractors and utilities are working next to these bridges large areas cannot be opened and undermine the structure of the bridge so they have to open up small areas and does make people feel that they are not making progress. He said there is a welcome center for any members of the public or any community organizations who would like to come in to get information or provide feedback. Commissioner Sumpter asked if there was a way of letting people know about the welcome center. Mr. Flores "yes" and that they have a robust public outreach team and before they do any of the operations or closures, they go door-to-door as well as an email list that they work with. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if the address and hours of operation of the welcome center could be distributed to the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association. Mr. Flores said absolutely, and he believes they have hosted them at the welcome center and Ms. CeCe has been in touch with Ms. Pelletier who is the primary point of contact for the welcome center. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if there were also some public hearings held on item 8. Mr. Flores said he believes so but can't speak to that with certainty but if there hasn't been he will be sure that it does happen.

Mayor Rilling said after hearing from Mr. Flores any delay may disrupt aligning the vendors and thinks with the amount of time between now and the time for the closures listed in items eight and nine, they can reach out to the East Norwalk community to discuss any problems that they foresee. Mr. Flores said he guarantees that they will reach out to Ms. Cece and the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association to hear their concerns and do everything they can to address them.

Commissioner Sumpter agreed with Mayor Rilling to not delay the closures and continue to stay on or ahead of schedule.

Commissioner Lopez said the engagement and communication with the community and the business community is the most important thing.

Chief Walsh pointed out that the closure for Fort Point Street has a beginning date of the end of November and a finishing at the end of November and this closure is scheduled to begin on December 2nd and in previous Walkbridge projects they have run into delays so may need to consider there could be a closure of Fort Point Street and South Smith Street at the same time as the East Avenue and Fort Point Street closure which could cause some gridlock. Mayor Rilling said the police department will need to work with Eversource and monitor that project and make sure everything is done that can be to reroute traffic if there is any delay. Chief Walsh said he would contact Mr. DiBella.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR FRONTIER UTILITY WORK AS PART OF THE WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM DECEMBER 2, 2024, TO DECEMBER 12, 2024.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE CTDOT WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2025 AND AUGUST 202 TO MAY 2027

Mr. Bird presented a request to close Strawberry Hill Avenue from Fitch Street to Winfield Street in support of the overall Walk Bridge project and this particular scope was added just after the original scope because there is such an intricate and thought-out phasing approach to the railroad operations it made sense to add this one additional closure. He said the first phase will be from January to July of 2025 and the goal will be to close Strawberry Hill Avenue on January 2, 2025, and the detour will be primarily to East Avenue, and detour routes and schedules have been coordinated with adjacent project detours. He said the primary detour will be to East Avenue, and in August 2026, they will go into the second closure at this point Osborne Avenue will be closed and will again be using East Avenue as the detour until Osborne Avenue is reopened and will then be using that for the duration of the closure. He said there was a public meeting held on July 25, 2023, and all residents and community leaders were invited to attend and approximately 40 people attended the meeting and at the meeting, there were no concerns raised and following the meeting, there was a two-week open comment period which resulted in no comments being received. He said there is also a project webpage that includes links to the public information meeting and provides resources for all of the information related to the project and as mentioned earlier there is a welcome center which is located at 24 Marshall Street and is staffed Tuesday through Thursday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Mayor Rilling requested that they reach out to the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association to see if they would like to express any concerns they may have. Mr. Bird said they did host a meeting with the East Norwalk Neighborhood Association in February 2024 but would certainly be willing to do something similar again.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE CTDOT WALKBRIDGE PROJECT FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2025 AND AUGUST 202 TO MAY 2027.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE NORWALK DPW WEST CEDAR STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM APRIL 1, 2025, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2025.

Mr. Sotnik said that DPW has received federal and state funding for the replacement of the existing bridge and the bridge has been rated as being structurally deficient and susceptible to scour during a bridge inspection that was conducted by the CTDOT. He said the demolition and replacement of the existing bridge structure will require the closure of West Cedar Street at both ends of the bridge and shared the detour map with the commission and said no residential or commercial driveways will be within the closed or barricaded portion of the roadway, and based on the construction schedule it is anticipated the closure will be from April 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025, but only as long as necessary. He also said there will be signs indicating the detour route. Commissioner Paladino asked if there were any environmental issues with the Five Mile River. Mr. Sotnik said any issues will be taken care of with the project itself, and there will be items set up to control any debris from getting into the river and all the appropriate measures will be taken. Mayor Rilling asked if some point a sign would be installed stating the residents only. Mr. Sotnik said “yes”. Commissioner Sumpter asked if there would be a police presence for traffic control. Mr. Sotnik said “yes” and there will be police officers on site anytime there is construction being done outside the barricades.

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE NORWALK DPW WEST CEDAR STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM APRIL 1, 2025, TO NOVEMBER 30, 2025.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE NORWALK DPW WITCH LANE PAVING PROJECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024

Mr. Berndlmaier said this portion of Witch Lane between Highland Avenue and Hunt Street is extremely narrow and are looking to reclaim and repave the road and establish new curbing and a newer sidewalk to be wider than it currently is. He said due to the narrow roadway they don’t anticipate being able to do alternating traffic so anticipate closing the road to through traffic during those phases of construction but will always be accommodating any local traffic and will hand out notices to all the residents on the street that will be impacted and will provide them with the customer service number. He said the contractor will be contacting the police department to set up police officers on either end of the closure and will also have additional flaggers onsite to help the residents navigate through the construction site. Commissioner Lopez asked when the project would be completed. Mr. Berndlmaier said he is hoping to have the paving of the road completed within three weeks. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said the sidewalk project in that area will be a major improvement to the neighborhood. Mr. Berndlmaier said that DPW and TMP have been working closely together to improve the conveyance for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. Commissioner Sumpter said as he rides around the city you can see the city is growing and becoming more modern and are doing a good job.

****COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL CLOSURE FOR THE NORWALK DPW WITCH LANE PAVING PROJECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd

Item 2.

Approve the proposed Traffic Authority meeting dates for 2025

Memo

2024-49

To: Irene Dixon, City Clerk
From: Chief James Walsh 
Date: October 7, 2024
Subject: 2025 Police Commission & Traffic Authority Meeting Schedule

The following are the proposed 2025 Police Commission meeting dates. Traditionally, they are held the third Monday of the month via Zoom. Due to holidays that occur on the third Monday of January and February the meetings will be held on the fourth Monday. The meetings commence at 4:15pm.

January 27	July 21
February 24	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

Thank you.

JPW:jb

Cc: Police Commission
Deputy Chief Terrence Blake
Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore
Deputy Chief Joseph Dinho
Mayor/City Clerk's Office
Corporation Counsel's Office
Police Union
Stenographer
Garrett Bolella
Kyle Benjamin

Item 3.

Approve the Full Closure for the 2024
Election Jefferson School Voting Location

- Grandview Avenue from Prospect St to Springview Ave

Norwalk Registrar of Voters

The Registrar's office would like to have a section of Grandview Avenue closed off on election day (November 5th, 2024). This closure will enable electors to park in the teachers parking lot off of Springhill Avenue and walk to the entrance of the polling location, which is accessed from the bus loop. Additionally, we will be providing shuttle service from the parking lot to the bus loop. As mentioned before, the Norwalk Police Department will have two officers on duty that day; one will be posted outside the polling location and one will be posted inside. Below is a map of the area with the closure highlighted from Prospect Street to Spring Hill Avenue. It appears that only 2 residences will be impacted by this closure (11, and 11 ½ Grandview Ave)



Item 4.

Approve the Full Closure for DPW's Lockwood Lane Drainage Improvements

- George Avenue from Lockwood Lane to Byselle Street



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October 16, 2024

Dear Traffic Authority,

Here is a permanent proposed road closure and detour plan for DRG2024-1 Lockwood Lane Drainage Improvement Project

To facilitate the installation of new large drainage structures and 36" diameter concrete pipe, our contractor, Colonna Concrete and Asphalt Paving, LLC, is requesting the closure of a 300' section of George Street between Lockwood Land & Byselle Road for approximately 2 weeks. The current anticipated time frame is 12/16/24 through 12/30/24. The exact dates will be refined as construction proceeds on this project.

Detour Plan:

1. George Ave North Bound traffic will be notified via signage of LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY & ROAD CLOSED AHEAD. Detoured North Bound traffic will be directed to Lockwood Lane to East Ave.
2. South Bound Traffic George Ave. will be notified via signage of LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY & ROAD CLOSED AHEAD. Detoured South Bound traffic will be directed to Clearview Ave., to Bettswood Rd to East Ave.
3. Homes on George Ave between Lockwood Land & Byselle Road (95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 103 & 105 George Ave and 73 Lockwood and 10 Byselle) will be allowed access to their properties during this period.
4. Daytime work hours are 7.00 AM to 5.00 PM, Monday thru Friday. The project will be staffed with Norwalk Police Officer at each end during work hours.
5. This area will remain closed after hours and through the weekend, with signage and barriers. There will be large construction machines in the center of the work area, so through passage is not possible. The location of the actual blockage will be communicated to Public Works and Emergency personnel at the end of each workday. This will be emailed to roadclosures@norwalkct.gov and BOE Transportation.
6. Colonna will perform any snow plowing and de-icing on the closed section of George Avenue in the event of winter conditions during this period.
7. Pedestrian traffic will be delineated on the east side of George Avenue. No sidewalk connection exists in this area.

Communication will be given to residents and property owners after traffic authority approval.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Stanton, PE

Cc: James Meehan, PE – Principal Engineer, TMP, and Project File

Attachment: Detour Map and Project Drainage Sheet

VMS
Southbound
Prior to Closure

George Avenue
Subplate

DETOUR
M4-9

DETOUR
M4-9

DETOUR
M4-9

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George Avenue
Subplate

Road Closed
George Avenue
from Lockwood to Byselle



ROAD CLOSED
TO
THRU TRAFFIC



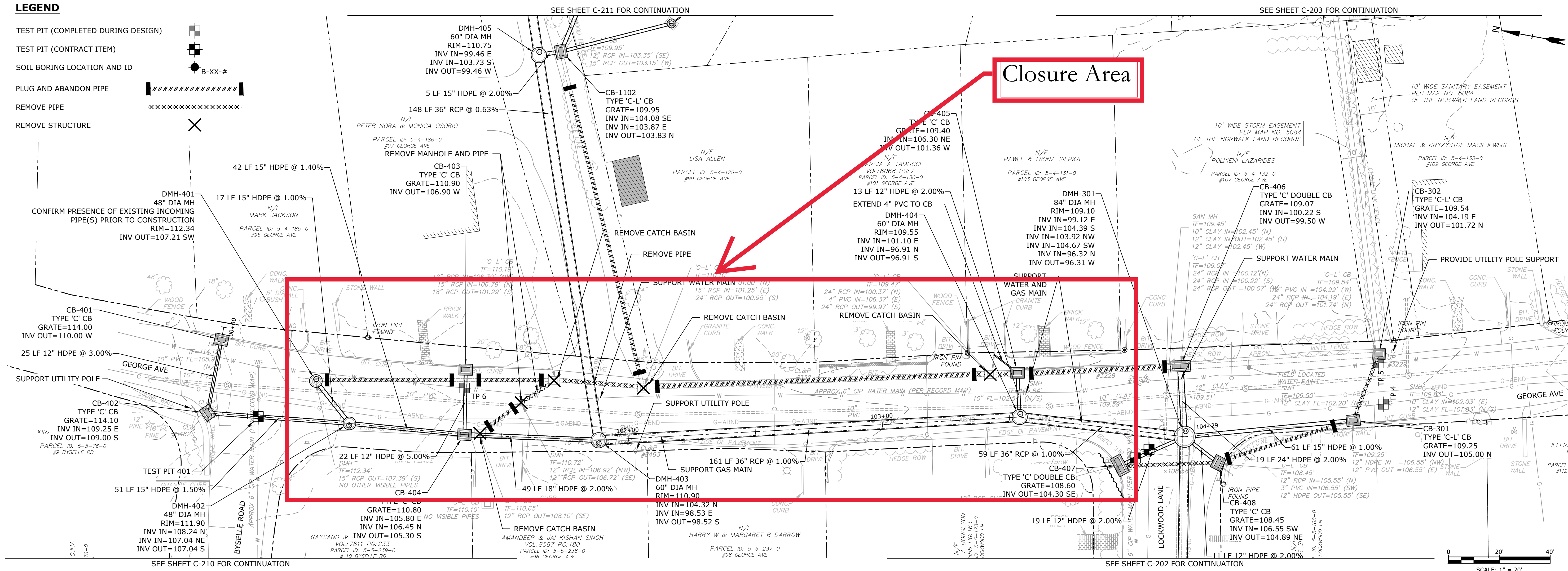
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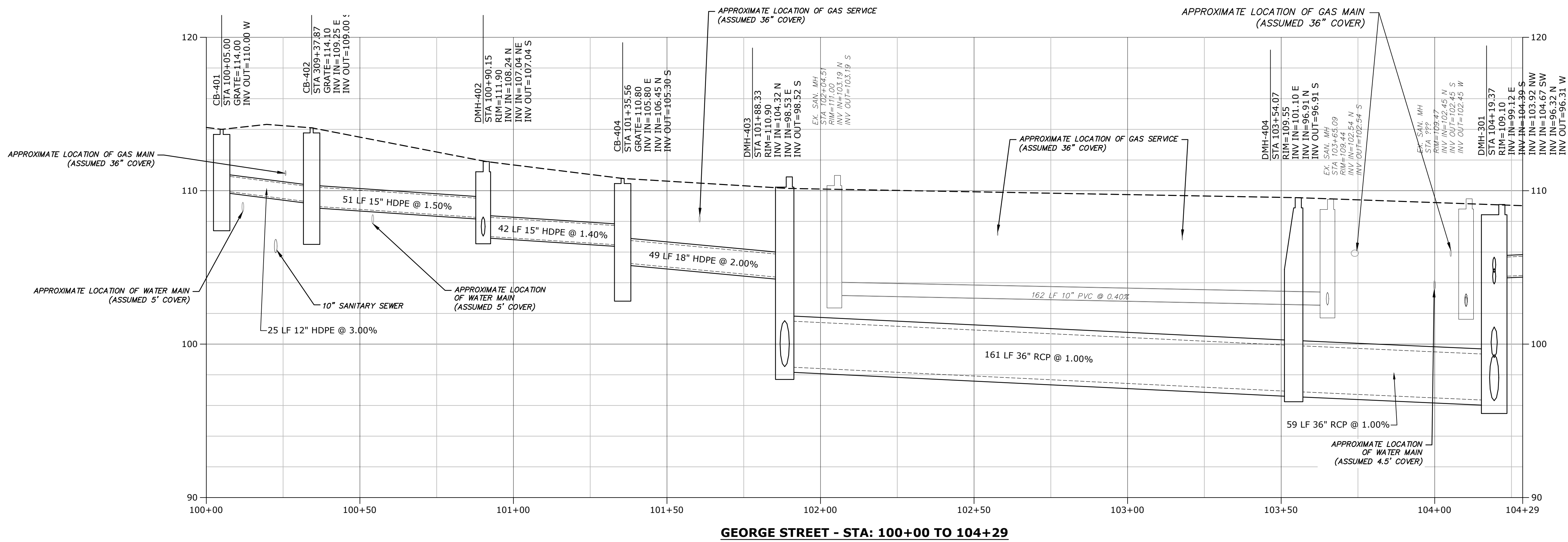
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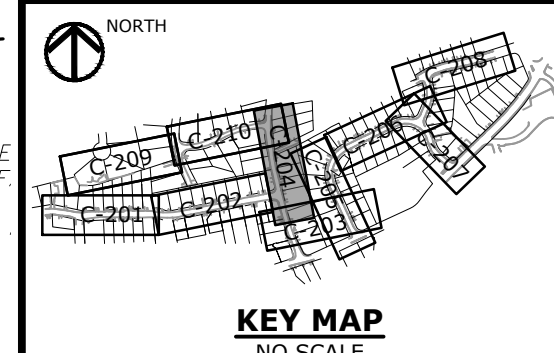
- TEST PIT (COMPLETED DURING DESIGN)
- TEST PIT (CONTRACT ITEM)
- SOIL BORING LOCATION AND ID
- PLUG AND ABANDON PIPE
- REMOVE PIPE
- REMOVE STRUCTURE



UTILITY TEST PIT DATA				
TEST PIT ID	PIPE COVER	GROUND ELEVATION (FT)	TOP PIPE ELEVATION (FT)	UTILITY DESCRIPTION
TP 6	5' - 0"	110.8±	105.8±	WATER, 6" DIA. C.I. PIPE



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BID DOCUMENTS

City of Norwalk

Lockwood Lane
and Heather
Lane Storm
Drainage
Improvements
DRG2024-1

MARK	DATE	DESCRIPTION
PROJECT NO:	N0814-027	
DATE:	01/03/2023	
FILE:	N0814-027-C-200-PLNPRO.dwg	
DRAWN BY:	JCB	
DESIGNED/CHECKED BY:	JCB/JAR	
APPROVED BY:	JWB	

DRAINAGE PLAN
AND PROFILE
GEORGE AVENUE - 2

SCALE: AS SHOWN

C-204

Item 5.

Approve proposed “15 Minute” parking regulation on Cove Avenue

- Cove Avenue from 1st Street to 2nd Street



CITY OF NORWALK
Transportation Mobility & Parking
Email: NorwalkTMP@norwalkct.gov
Norwalk City Hall
125 East Avenue, PO Box 5125
Norwalk, CT 06851-5125

Date: October 11, 2024

To: Resident/Homeowner/Business Owner/Tenant | Gregory Blvd, Norwalk, CT

Subject: Proposed Parking Change on Cove Ave between First & Second Street

Dear Resident, Homeowner, Business Owner, or Tenant:

Our office has received a request from the Norwalk Police Department to provide a 15-minute parking limit regulation for approximately two (2) parking spaces in front of 7 Cove Avenue, on the east side of Cove Avenue. This 15-minute limit would be in effect from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm all days except Sundays and holidays. The intent of the regulation is to provide sufficient parking turnover to support local business activity in the East Norwalk neighborhood. The proposed 15-minute limit regulation would take the place of the existing 2-hour limit regulation which is technically in effect for the entire block along the east side of Cove Avenue. Please note that all time limit parking regulations are not in effect during overnight hours, Sundays, and holidays, so parking in these sections is unrestricted during these times.

See the back of this page for a map of the proposed parking regulations.

This proposal will be presented to the Traffic Authority during their virtual meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:00pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom and is open to the public, via the following link: <https://norwalkct-org.zoom.us/j/83705265389>

Any person wishing to voice a concern or support for the proposal may do so by emailing me at NorwalkTMP@norwalkct.gov to provide written testimony (please provide name and address with your comments), or you may speak to the Traffic Authority Commissioners during opening comments of their October 21 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Benjamin Yeung'.

Benjamin Yeung, P.E., Senior Traffic Engineer
City of Norwalk | Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Department (TMP)

See back for map of proposed parking regulations ->

**Proposed 15-Minute Parking Limit Regulation
Cove Street between First and Second Streets**

FOR REVIEW

By Norwalk Traffic Authority 10/21/24

NEW 15-MIN LIMIT
PARKING REGULATION

7 COVE AVE
HARBOR HARVEST

SECOND ST

COVE AVE

FIRST ST

LEGEND

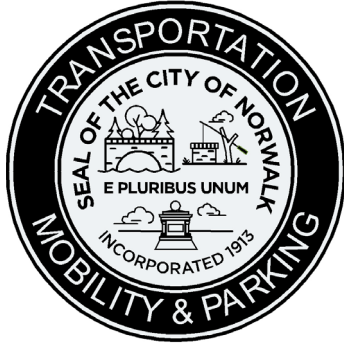
- UNRESTRICTED PARKING
(exc. at driveways/hydrants)
- NO PARKING ANYTIME
- 2-HOUR PARKING (8AM-6PM, MON-SAT)
- PROPOSED 15-MIN PARKING (8AM-6PM, MON-SAT)

*All parking is not metered (free)

Item 6.

Approve the OSTA Letter for Speed Limit changes and a School Zone on Strawberry Hill Avenue

- Strawberry Hill Avenue from Winfield Street (CT Route 136) to Wolfpit Avenue
- Maurice Street from William Street to King Street



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October 21st, 2024

Mr. Joseph P. Ouellette

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2800 Berlin Turnpike
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Re: Speed Limit Review Requested
Strawberry Hill Avenue – School Areas
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette,

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit on the following roads, all of which are roads which are in the immediate vicinity of four Norwalk Public Schools (Norwalk High, P-TECH Norwalk, Naramake Elementary, and Nathan Hale Middle) and are largely residential in nature with closely spaced single-family homes and driveways:

- Strawberry Hill Avenue from Winfield Street (State Route 136) to Wolfpit Avenue
- Maurice Street from William Street to King Street

Strawberry Hill Avenue is a Minor Arterial roadway running through East Norwalk and providing a link to four Norwalk Public Schools and athletic fields at Jennie Jenks Park and Roxbury Road. Strawberry Hill Avenue itself is primarily residential with closely spaced single-family homes and driveways. Strawberry Hill Avenue has average speeds of 15-34 MPH, with a typical representative section near Nathan Hale Middle School measured at 27-30 MPH. This street has 85th percentile speeds of 26-40 MPH, with a typical representative section near Nathan Hale Middle School measured at 32-34 MPH.

Other collector streets in the vicinity, such as County Street, King Street, Williams Street, Walter Avenue, and Tierney Street, already have approved 25 MPH speed limits. Strawberry Hill Avenue officially has a 30 MPH speed limit, but with a 25 MPH limit approved in conjunction with school zone flashers (not currently installed).

However, the City of Norwalk would like to establish a consistent, full-time speed limit along Strawberry Hill Avenue. A speed limit which is consistent with other nearby higher-volume streets with similar adjacent land uses (such as the collector streets previously mentioned) will create more consistent driver expectations as they proceed along the street and throughout the neighborhood. Furthermore, the fact that Strawberry Hill Avenue runs alongside four schools (three school buildings) in relatively close succession means that, if a reduced 25 MPH school zone speed limit were to be implemented on this 30 MPH road, a nearly three-quarter mile long school zone would be

required, or there would be three school zones in a row with negligible distance in between each. For these reasons, it is preferable to the City of Norwalk that a consistent 25 MPH speed limit be established along the entire length of Strawberry Hill Avenue.

The City of Norwalk intends to explore potential school zones along some of the side streets near the schools, such as King Street, which currently has a 25 MPH limit and would be reduced to a 20 MPH limit in a school zone. Although it is not likely that a 20 MPH limit would be established on Strawberry Hill Avenue itself, a general 25 MPH speed limit would help to justify these potential future school zones on the side streets, since the difference in speed limit between the two streets will only be 5 MPH instead of 10 MPH.

Maurice Street is a local roadway which serves to connect two larger connector roads (William Street and King Street) near Naramake Elementary School. Average speeds on this street are between 19-22 MPH and 85th percentile speeds are between 24-28 MPH. Establishing a 25 MPH speed limit is deemed to be consistent with the current speeds along this street, and also sets it up for a potential school zone reduced speed limit should the City pursue that in the future.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a general 25 MPH posted speed limit for the following streets:

- Strawberry Hill Avenue from Winfield Street (State Route 136) to Wolfpit Avenue; 30 MPH general, 25 MPH when flashers on (from Tierney Street to Westport Avenue (State Route 1)); 1.85 miles long
- Maurice Street from William Street to King Street, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.22 miles long

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jtravers@norwalkct.org or (203) 854-7736. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

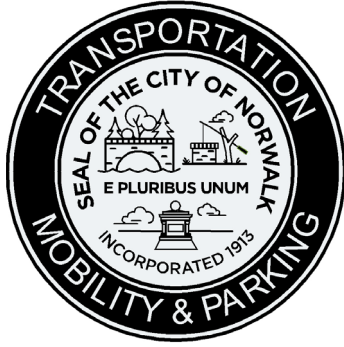
James Travers
Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking

Cc: Traffic Authority
G. Bolella, City of Norwalk
K. Benjamin, City of Norwalk
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N. Fankhanel, City of Norwalk

Item 7.

Approve the OSTA Letter for Speed limit changes in the Rowayton Area

- Bluff Avenue from Wilson Avenue (CT Route 136) to Sammis Street
- Old Trolley Way from Wilson Avenue (CT Route 136) to Witch Lane
- Covewood Drive from Wilson Avenue (CT Route 136) to end
- Tory Hill Lane from Witch Lane to end
- Trolley Place from Old Trolley Way to end
- Burchard Lane from Witch Lane to end
- Old Field Road from Witch Lane to Highland Avenue
- Old Field Place from Old Field Road to end
- Memory Lane from Highland Avenue to Burchard Lane



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Re: Speed Limit Review Requested
Rowayton Neighborhood Roads
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ouellette,

The City of Norwalk is writing to request a review of the speed limit on the following roads, which are a mix of collectors and local streets, but are all primarily residential with closely spaced single-family homes:

- Bluff Avenue from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to Sammis Street
- Old Trolley Way from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to Witch Lane
- Covewood Drive from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to end
- Tory Hill Lane from Witch Lane to end
- Trolley Place from Old Trolley Way to end
- Burchard Lane from Witch Lane to end
- Old Field Road from Witch Lane to Highland Avenue
- Old Field Place from Old Field Road to end
- Memory Lane from Highland Avenue to Burchard Lane

Collector Roads

Bluff Avenue had 85th percentile speeds of 33 MPH prior to a recent striping upgrade. But this recent addition of solid white edge lines designed to narrow the travel lanes to 10 feet wide is expected to result in lower speeds overall on Bluff Avenue. Old Trolley Way has also had speed humps installed for many years, which keeps its average and 85th percentile speeds below 25 MPH. But this street also has a discrepancy between the posted speed limit of 25 MPH and the official OSTA speed limit of 30 MPH. Although not expressly prohibited, both streets do not have the lane width to accommodate on-street parking. Bluff Avenue ranks below average in terms of crash rate (188 crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles traveled on highest ranking segment) compared to the City-wide average of 684 crashes per 100 million vehicle-miles traveled. Old Trolley Way does not have any crashes in the period of record (2015-2023).

Local Roads

The rest of the roads (Covewood Drive, Tory Hill Lane, Trolley Place, Burchard Lane, Old Field Road, Old Field Place, Memory Lane) are local residential streets, which generally permit on-street parking though it is naturally discouraged in certain segments due to narrow roadway width (<27') and is not heavily utilized regardless. Covewood Drive consists of a two-lane road with a wide planted median. Old Field Road and Old Field Place have sidewalks. Memory Lane and Burchard Lane have speed humps. These roadways all have either no crashes or only one crash in the period of record (2015-2023). These roadways are also appropriate for a 25 MPH speed limit with all 85th percentile speeds already below this threshold, except for Tory Hill Lane between Witch Lane and Old Witch Court, with an 85th percentile speed of 27 MPH.

The City is currently in the process of completing a comprehensive signage plan for these areas and will post new speed limit signage appropriately.

We are hereby requesting that OSTA establish a general 25 MPH posted speed limit for the following streets:

- Bluff Avenue from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to Sammis Street, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.38 miles long
- Old Trolley Way from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to Witch Lane, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.21 miles long
- Covewood Drive from Wilson Avenue (State Route 136) to end, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.18 miles long
- Tory Hill Lane from Witch Lane to end, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.22 miles long
- Trolley Place from Old Trolley Way to end, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.05 miles long
- Burchard Lane from Witch Lane to end, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.46 miles long
- Old Field Road from Witch Lane to Highland Avenue, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.16 miles long
- Old Field Place from Old Field Road to end, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.14 miles long
- Memory Lane from Highland Avenue to Burchard Lane, City Speed Limit (30 MPH) 0.07 miles long

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